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St. Mary's Chapel, Stevensville
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PRESERVING MONTANA:
The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017
(<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/About/PreservationPlan>)

Goals and Objectives

GOAL I. EDUCATE: BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Objectives:

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: online guidance; information about local ordinances; information about fund-raising; update to Consulting with Montana SHPO; dissemination to areas of rapid development

2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII properties, including Modernist; landscapes; travelling exhibits; public fairs and workshops; state and local agency stewardship; Montana lawmakers

3. More fully incorporate the University system in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana; create University student internship opportunities; become resource for University historic preservation and history classes/seminars; campus building heritage awareness

4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: website platform and content upgrades; social media outlets; walking tour apps; National Register property map applications; K-12 lesson plan development; owner awareness

GOAL II. CELEBRATE: PROMOTE PRESERVATION WITH RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Objectives:

1. Use multi-media (e.g., television, print, internet) to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target general public; PSA development; expand regular press releases for local preservation stories and National Register listings; radio programming

2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: support and expand existing award ceremonies; re-invigorate local awards; establish prizes; nominate Montana for national awards

3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: property type and historical context publications; Main Street publication series; National Register sign program promotion; highway signage; heritage tourism materials; History Conference workshop; Montana Preservation Road Show; increase preservation poster visibility in public spaces

GOAL III. LOCATE: IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the systematic survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII architecture, including Modernist; state-owned heritage properties (SB3 2011); tribal cultural properties; properties associated with under-served/under-represented populations; prioritize un-inventoried communities; develop people-friendly state inventory form

2. Encourage a landscape approach, where appropriate, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: pilot landscape study area; complete Tongue River Multiple Property Document; Northern Cheyenne geographical study; landscape identification workshop; rural agricultural landscapes

3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: State Antiquities database digitization; public access to non-sensitive documents; tribal data-sharing agreements; historic districts individual property listings

GOAL IV. EVALUATE: ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES WORTHY OF PRESERVATION.

Objectives:

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic and traditional cultural sites.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Multiple Property Document historical context development; property contexts for historic irrigation, railroads, and rock cairns

2. Develop meaningful registration criteria or procedures for evaluating common or complex property types.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) registration criteria development; identify and share best practices and new approaches; post-WWII housing; women's history MPD

3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: prioritized list of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; step-by-step guidance for do-it-yourselfers; 2013-2014 women's history; 2014 Montana territorial sesquicentennial

GOAL V. ADVOCATE: SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND PROTECTION.

Objectives:

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana-specific economic benefits of historic preservation study; preservation case study digest; clearinghouse for success stories

2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: create preservation speakers' bureau (volunteer/expense reimbursement); local preservation assistance and training

3. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: increase state agency awareness of State Antiquities Act and stewardship responsibilities; find and assist legislative sponsorship for expanding state rehabilitation tax credit; facilitate adaptive re-use of public buildings

4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: lobby for increased state budget support of preservation; brick-and-mortar grant program; enhance grant-writing skills; support and promote Montana History Foundation Preserve Montana Fund campaign; identify cost-share opportunities

GOAL VI. COLLABORATE: WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: identify and recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal, and federal level

2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: participate in Montana History Conference; support biennial Montana Preservation Road Show; collaborate with local institutions

3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana Main Street – Certified Local Government interface; Montana Site Stewardship program; SHPO-federal agencies programmatic agreements; Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone project

4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit; establish tribal consultation protocols

GOAL VII. INTEGRATE: INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Integrate historic preservation in public planning and policy-making at all levels.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: meet with city-county planning departments; increase visibility and standing for local historic preservation commissions; ensure state legislature awareness; state agency compliance; incorporate consideration of impacts to historic properties into disaster planning

2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Citizens Guide to Section 106 outreach; non-profit and citizen public meeting advocacy; editorials; acknowledge proactive public agency stewardship

3. Connect with interest groups that engage heritage properties from other perspectives (e.g., realtors, developers, outfitters/guides, trade groups, recreationalists, other).

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target realtor and insurance agent awareness and training regarding local ordinances and what it means to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; information booths at interest group meetings

4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: addressing myth and reality in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation law, and the cost of historic rehabilitation vs. replacement



Three FY2017 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Success Stories

Montana's African American Heritage Places project and website upgrade

Led by SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator Kate Hampton, Montana SHPO completed work begun in FY2015 to develop historic context and identify heritage places associated with the African American experience in Montana. Supported in large part by a National Park Service *Underrepresented Communities Grant* and funding from the Montana History Foundation, the project succeeded in surveying and compiling 25 historic property inventories for extant places associated with African Americans in the State Capitol of Helena, as well as an additional 25 properties statewide. Two properties, the Crump-Howard House and the Dorsey Grocery and Residence in Helena, were subsequently listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 24, 2017 within a Multiple Property Document prepared under contract by Missoula historian Delia Hagen (*African-American Heritage Places in Helena*). This context has received praise from historians and other researchers for its depth and insight. A complete makeover of the Montana Historical Society website, Montana's African American Heritage Resources (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans>), provides the National Register nominations, property forms, historical maps, oral histories, collections, essays, story maps, photographs, and curricula to the public and teachers in a comprehensive and meaningful way {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.4; III.1; IV.1-3}.

State Antiquities Geo-Database upgrade

A major transformation of the Montana State Antiquities Database taking place over a three-year period was finished in January 2017. The upgraded geo-database features a searchable GIS map platform with information and locations on over 59,000 recorded historic and pre-contact sites as well as 37,500 reports of survey and other place-based cultural resource studies in Montana. Tabular, map, and digital (scanned) data – once separate - are now synchronized and integrated into a single intuitive information management system. The \$125,000 upgrade was made possible by a combination of HPF funding, cost-sharing by the Bureau of Land Management through the BLM-SHPO Cultural Resource Data Partnership (CRDP), SHPO revenue fees, and a \$40,000 grant from the MICA Foundation Cultural Resource Fund. At the conclusion of the large and complex data migration effort, Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager, and Cultural Records Assistants Stephany Meredyk (former) and Michele Phair (current) were recognized by Montana Chief Information Officer (CIO) Ron Baldwin of the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) for “Excellence in Connecting Information with People” {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; III.3}.

#MTtimetraveler

In an effort to solicit some public visual input for the update of the Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022, Montana SHPO Grants Manager Brad Hansen developed the *Montana Time Traveler* website (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/About/MTtimetraveler>) to gather photos of heritage places in the state that have meaning to Montanans. Identifying and sharing images of memorable historic places helps us to visualize and recognize what is important for historic preservation. Photos can be submitted through both Instagram or (email at mtshpo@mt.gov). While the Plan update is complete, the #MTtimetraveler photo campaign will persist and continue to remind us of the diversity and range of those special places that matter in Montana historic preservation {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.2; I.4; II.3}.



Some photos submitted to #MTtimetraveler that are included in this report are:

Cover	St. Mary's Chapel, Stevensville	by Colleen Meyer
Page 9	Milk River Valley church, west of Kremlin	by toddklassy
Page 25	Rainbow Dam Powerhouse, Great Falls	by that_is_so_montana
Page 32	St. Helena Cathedral, Helena	by ccsaintdawg

... and above (clockwise):

Judith River Ranger Station, L&C National Forest	by Ellen Baumler
Parrot Confectionary, Helena	by ccsaintdawg
Ghost sign on building near Big Timber	by Bob Kiskien
Montana Elevator Company grain elevator, Straw	by toddklassy
Hardy Creek Bridge, Missouri River	by flycastflywear
Medicine Rocks State Park, near Ekalaka	by Tim Urbaniak

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant, sub-grant and contract management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.2, V.4, VI.1)


- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in the ongoing budgeting, expenditure and accounting for the FY2017 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$801,667.
- ✓ Documented the required 40% non-federal state match (\$534,444) to the FY2017 HPF grant. The majority of Montana's cash and in-kind match derives from the allowable activities of local preservation offices in the form of over-match to the 10% required HPF pass-through to Certified Local Government communities, as administered by SHPO. Additional eligible state match derives from state bed-tax support of the Montana National Register interpretive sign program, private grants, program revenue (fees), donated State Preservation Review Board and volunteer services, and state general funding as provided in the Montana Historical Society budget (limited, due to state budget cuts).
- ✓ Allocated and managed \$63,000 of new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support in FY2017 for a continuing BLM-SHPO cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDP). Included in the use of these funds in FY2017 was upgrading and maintenance of the state antiquities database and contracting with the University of Montana for GIS shape file creation of legacy cultural resource site and survey records in FY2018. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives V.4; VI.3}
- ✓ Completed the \$125,000 upgrade of the Montana state antiquities database under agreement with the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) of the Montana Department of Administration, involving multiple funding sources including HPF, BLM, special grant, and revenue funds. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective III.3} (see more below, Survey and Inventory FY2017)
- ✓ Distributed and administered \$80,200 in FY2017 HPF through annual sub-grants to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs), meeting the 10% required HPF pass-through. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3}
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, or archaeology. SHPO staff (9.5FTE) as of the end of FY2017 (September 30, 2017):

- Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Jennie (Peterson) Coen, Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE effective August 1, 2017)
- Brad Hansen, Grants Contracts Coordinator (M.S. Environmental History)
- John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)
- Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
- Jessica Bush, Review & Compliance Officer/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
- Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Physical Anthropology)
- Michelle Phair, Cultural Records Assistant (B.A. Anthropology)



Jessica Bush & Michele Phair at Archaeological Site 24JF699

- ✓ Recognition of Kate Hampton, SHPO Community Preservation Coordinator, with 2017 Governor's Award for Staff Excellence in Performance for the Montana Historical Society.
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, trainings, webinars and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities: {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives V.1&2}
 - Montana Department of Administration (DOA), Information Technology Services Division training: *Perceptive Digital Content Manager*, October 27, 2016 (Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair, Jenn Coen)

- Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council meeting, Whitefish, November 1-4, 2016 (Pete Brown, *appointed by the Governor*)
 - Grant Writing and Management workshop, Montana History Foundation, Helena, November 3, 2016 (Brad Hansen)
 - National Park Service webinar: *Historic Preservation Fund End-of-Year Reporting*, December 1, 2016 (Brad Hansen)
 - Montana DOA training: *Defensive Driving Course*, December 12, 2016 (Jessica Bush)
 - Mountain Plains Museums Association webinar: *Social Media 101 for Museums*, January 17, 2017 (Brad Hansen)
 - Montana DOA, Professional Development Center training: *Intermediate and Advanced Excel*, January 31 and March 16, 2017 (Brad Hansen)
 - National Park Service webinar: *Historic Preservation Fund Applications*, February 22, 2017 (Brad Hansen)
 - National Park Service webinar: *Grants.gov WORKSPACE*, February 27, 2017 (Brad Hansen)
 - Montana State Information Technology Services Division & ESRI training: *ArcGIS*, March 22-23, 2017 (Michelle Phair)
 - Montana Archaeological Society workshop: *Beyond the Shelf: A Discussion of Archaeological Assemblages, Their Access and Use*, by Dr. Riley Auge, Curator, University of Montana Department of Anthropology, April 14, 2017 (Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair)
 - Montana Archaeological Society Conference, Missoula, April 14-16, 2017 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Jessica Bush, Damon Murdo, John Boughton, Michele Phair)
 - Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration planning workshop, June 7, 2017 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Pete Brown, John Boughton, Brad Hansen)
 - National Park Service, Federal Historic Tax Credit state reviewers training, Washington D.C., July 10-12, 2017 (Pete Brown)
 - Montana State Information Technology Services Division & ESRI training: *Story Map Development*, September 11-12, 2017 (Michelle Phair)
 - Google Earth Outreach live-streaming workshop: *Historic Landscape Discovery and Preservation Using Google Earth*, featuring Dr. Cynthia Annett, Montana Historical Society, September 19, 2017 (Damon Murdo)
 - Montana History Conference, Helena, September 21-23 (Kate Hampton)
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- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to closely monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.
 - ✓ Met or exceeded Montana Legislature and Governor's Office state agency program outcome performance measures established for state FY2017.

PLANNING PROGRAM FY2017

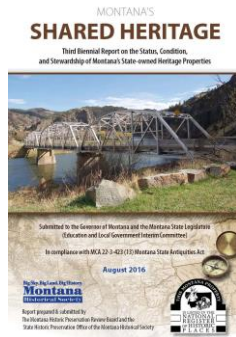
. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3, VII.1)

- ✓ Initiated development of an updated Montana Historic Preservation Plan for 2018-2022, including circulation of a preservation questionnaire (500 responses), interviews with preservation stakeholders, launch of a "My Historic Places" photo campaign (*MTTimetraveler*), research to identify issues and opportunities, and review of information on the status and condition of Montana's heritage programs and properties. A draft new plan will be submitted in November 2017 to the National Park Service for approval {2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2}.
- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2017 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 state preservation plan (see above, 2013-2017 Goals and Objectives).
- ✓ Undertook priority planning activities identified in the 2013-2017 state plan, including updates to guidance (*Consulting with Montana SHPO*), hosting of a biennial preservation awards ceremony recognizing and celebrating preservation efforts, updating of the State Antiquities Database, and other recommended activities described elsewhere in this report under individual programs.
- ✓ Assisted three local communities (Missoula, Bozeman and Helena CLGs) in the review and potential revision of local demolition ordinances in the context of local preservation plans by answering questions, promoting best practices, providing templates and examples, and commenting on draft language. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}
- ✓ Participated in 2017 strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs. Represented the Montana Historical Society in the inter-agency update of the Montana Hazard Mitigation Plan (Montana Disaster and Emergency Services) {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.3}.



Missoula Mercantile demolition 2017

- ✓ Worked extensively with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the development of approaches to large-scale agency travel management planning and the assessment of potential impacts to historic, pre-contact, and traditional cultural properties.



- ✓ Presented 150 Montana legislators at the beginning of the 2017 biennial Legislative Session with a copy of *Montana's Shared Heritage: Third Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-Owned Heritage Properties* (2016) prepared by SHPO and the State Historic Preservation Review Board and containing recommendations for improving state agency planning, policy and procedures for the preservation of Montana's significant public heritage places on state lands:

(<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties>). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.3}

- ✓ Oversaw and approved final editing of a broad and well-developed historic context for the African-American Experience in Helena and elsewhere in Montana, as part of a National Register Multiple Property Submission to the Keeper of the National Register. Assembled and posted a wide array of background information on African Americans (including census records, story-maps, and oral histories) online at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/AfricanAmericans> (see also below, National Register Program FY2017) {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective IV.1}

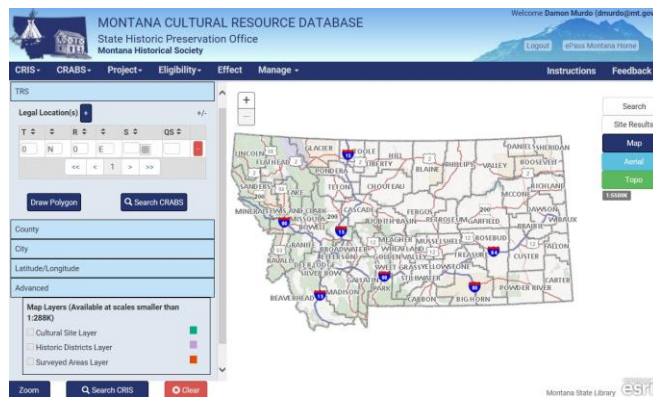


Montana Preservation Review Board 2016-2017 and SHPO Staff (2017)

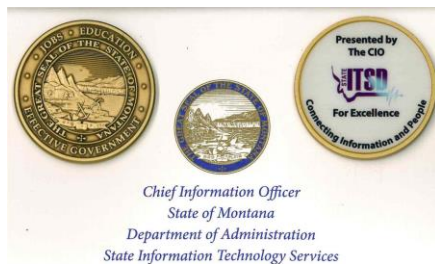
SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1-3)

- ✓ Completed the upgrade of the Montana State Antiquities Database transforming the previous SHPO outdated information management system into an integrated Microsoft SQL database and ArcGIS web application that is more user-friendly, effective and sharable, within appropriate security protocols. SHPO currently shares access to the State Antiquities Database with the Bureau of Land Management through our Cultural Resource Data Partnership and with THPOs through individual data sharing agreements. Budgeted at just over \$125,000, the programming upgrade project was funded by a combination of SHPO federal funds (HPF), BLM cooperative agreement data-sharing funds, file-search revenue, and a grant received in FY2016 for \$40,000 from the MICA Foundation/Cultural Resource Fund {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; III.3}.



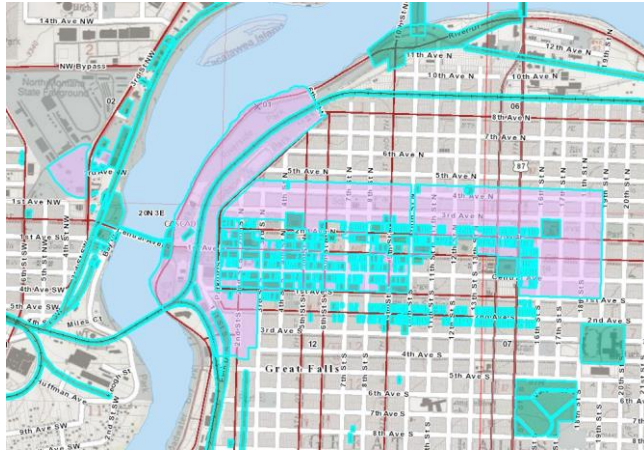
- ✓ Damon Murdo, SHPO Cultural Records Manager, and Michelle Phair, SHPO Cultural Records Assistant, were recognized in 2017 by Montana Chief Information Officer (CIO) Ron Baldwin of the State Information Services Division (SITSD) for *Excellence in Connecting Information and People* for their role in the antiquities database upgrade project as “a large and complex state data migration effort.”



also collected and registered for 502 previously recorded properties. There are presently 59,186 total cultural resource properties (districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects) recorded with Smithsonian trinomial numbers in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database inventory {2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.1}.

- ✓ Continued the ongoing scanning or the uploading of born-digital records of all newly submitted property records and updates (i.e., site forms receiving Smithsonian trinomials) and the re-scanning of older records to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. There is at least one scanned registration form for each of the recorded 59,186 properties in CRIS, and several forms/updates for many of these sites. The hard copies of the property records are housed at SHPO (Site Records Office).
- ✓ Added 563 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2017, representing 77,438 acres of new survey [FY2016: 568 new reports/105,739 acres]. There are presently 36,683 individual report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.63 million acres of historic and archaeological survey in the state as well as other cultural resource studies - including overviews, histories, syntheses, archaeological excavations, analyses and research studies. While the majority of documented survey in Montana has occurred on public lands (especially lands managed by the USFS and BLM), significant survey has also taken place in and around many Montana communities and other private lands.
- ✓ Continued to grow the comprehensive digital text library of the ca 37,000 existing cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS), begun in FY2011. These digital documents are accessible, on a mediated basis, through SHPO as .pdf files, and can be searched by word or phrase (OCR: optical character recognition) as well as by location and keyword/theme. The original hard copies are held in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage. To date, 34,828 of the 36,683 documents in CRABS (95%) have been scanned, with new reports being included on a go-forward basis and legacy reports added as requested and time allows.





- ✓ Furthered the creation and/or import of new and backlog Geographic Information System (GIS) map data for both cultural resource site and survey records in the State Antiquities Database. As of the end of FY2017,

approximately 65% of all recorded properties and 45% of all documented surveys in the state have been spatially digitized and registered as shape files in the State Antiquities Database. Legacy data is added as time and resources allow; newly submitted site records and survey reports continue to be entered in the state GIS on a go-forward basis {2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.3}.

- ✓ Provided digital and hard copies of site records and reports, as well as GIS shape files, on request by agencies, consultants, and other researchers. Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information.
- ✓ In pursuit of discovering, documenting, and promoting a better understanding and appreciation of Montana's modernist properties, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown is producing a YouTube-based documentary about Montana modernist architect Daphne Bugbee Jones's eight built residential designs in Missoula (right: Kimble-Wangen House, 1976). Working with Pete, photographer Terry Greene photo-documented these homes in 2016 and 2017, providing HABS/HAER quality still images for use in the narrated production in progress. Though Bugbee Jones (1921-2012) studied at Harvard under Walter Gropius, she was more active in state politics, public land conservation and raising a family, than in practicing licensed architecture. While she has been written about elsewhere, no one has comprehensively documented and illustrated her work, an important representation of the modernist movement in Montana residential architecture {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; III.1; IV.1}.



- ✓ Continued the recording of Montana's railroad system begun in FY2016. Created new site records for each county not previously recorded for both the Northern

Pacific and Milwaukee railroad systems to add to those already established previously for the Great Northern Railway under contracted services. Also created shapefiles for the State Antiquities Database GIS.

- ✓ Made field visits to participate and assist in the identification, assessment and treatment of various pre-contact archaeological sites, including an artifact discovery near the Blackfoot River Fishing Access Site in the Avon Valley (Fish, Wildlife & Parks), the 2017 Carroll College archaeological field school (Helena National Forest), site damage assessment on Mullan Pass (Helena National Forest), and archaeological excavations at site 24JF0699 near Boulder (Montana Department of Transportation) {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.3}.
- ✓ Hosted a live-streaming workshop sponsored by Google Earth Outreach: *Historic Landscape Discovery and Preservation Using Google Earth*, and featuring Dr. Cynthia Annett, on September 19, 2017. The workshop, followed by a participant meeting and discussion, explored the use of Google Earth in identifying surface prehistoric rock features, including stone circle sites (aka, tipi rings), a technology being experimented with on the Blackfeet Reservation. Additional sponsor-participants included the University of Arizona Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, Blackfeet THPO, BIA Rocky Mountain Regional Office, and EcoPlan Associates, Inc. {2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.3}.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)



- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2017 in Helena (January 20, 2017), Three Forks (May 19, 2017; photo left); and again in Helena

(September 20, 2017). Eighteen (18) draft National Register nominations were reviewed and approved by the Board at these meetings; no nominations were unapproved or tabled (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda>).

- ✓ Charles "Milo" McLeod (Archaeologist) was re-appointed to the State Historic Preservation Review Board by Governor Steve Bullock on Oct 1, 2016 for a second 4-year term.

- ✓ On January 20, 2017, in conjunction with the Review Board meeting, SHPO hosted the 2017 Biennial Montana State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony at the Myrna Loy Center in Helena. Twenty Montana properties listed in the National Register in 2015-2016 were recognized with certificates presented by Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (photo right with Dwight Minton, Elkhorn Ranch owner). Outgoing Review Board members Miki Wilde (Public), Jon Axline (Architectural Historian) and Lesley Gilmore (Historic Architect) were acknowledged for their service and four 2017 Historic Preservation Awards were also bestowed (see more below, Other Activities FY2017) {2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.2}.



- ✓ Fourteen (14) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2017 as follows, by date {2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.3}:

- Rock Creek Ranger Station, Custer Natl Forest, Red Lodge 10/17/2016
- Rising Wolf (boat), St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park 11/14/2016
- North Elevation Residential Historic District, Billings 11/29/2016
- Fort Harrison Veterans Administration Hospital HD, Helena 12/20/2016
- Maclay Bridge, Missoula vicinity 12/20/2016
- Medicine Rocks State Park District & TCP, near Ekalaka 01/17/2017
- Gamble-Robinson Company Warehouse, Lewistown 04/17/2017
- Charles and Gladys Pelton House, Fishtail 04/24/2017
- *Crump-Howard House, Helena 04/24/2017
- *Dorsey Grocery and Residence, Helena 04/24/2017
- Huntley Project Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Ballantine 06/05/2017
- Montana Aeronautics Commission Operations HD, Helena 07/31/2017
- Gehring Ranch, Helena vicinity 08/28/2017
- Stone Hill Springs Prehistoric District, Townsend vicinity 09/05/2017

**African-American Heritage Places in Helena MPS*

- ✓ Completed the *African-American Heritage Places in Helena* Multiple Property Document (MPD) and nominations for two Helena properties, including the Dorsey Grocery Store and Residence (photo), that were accepted by the Keeper of the National Register in April 2017. This effort was a culmination of scholarship and survey supported by a 2015-2016 NPS Underrepresented Communities grant and support from the Montana History Foundation. In addition to the National Register listings, the project (Identifying Montana's African-American Heritage Places) created an update to the Montana Historical Society multi-layered website



African Americans in Montana Heritage Resources:

<http://svcult.mt.gov/research/AfricanAmerican/AfricanAmericanInMT.asp>

{2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.4; IV.1-3}



- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective IV.3}

- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained an updated Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap.aspx> {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.3}
- ✓ Documented and concurred in assessments of eligibility of historic and archaeological properties for listing in the National Register by applying NR criteria within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation, aka: “consensus determinations” between SHPO and state/federal agencies under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act. Evaluated 105 properties as eligible and 376 as not eligible in FY2017 {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective IV.1}.
- ✓ Maintained a public inventory list of *state-owned heritage properties* - that is, properties owned by the state of Montana that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined in consultation with SHPO to meet the criteria for eligibility. (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties>) This list is used by state agencies in biennial reporting on their heritage stewardship efforts as required under the Montana State Antiquities Act.

- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society’s Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program in the production of 39 new state heritage property interpretive plaques in FY2017. This unique state sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Properties receiving requested signs in FFY2017 included the Rising Wolf (first and only boat listed in Montana), Free Speech Corner (a contributing resource to the Missoula Downtown Historic District where the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) exercised their First Amendment rights in 1909), the Lewis and Clark/Wolf Point Bridge (saved from demolition during replacement and owned by the Montana Historical Society), and the recently listed



Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District (which includes 14 contributing buildings ranging in age from 1910-1982, in addition to the original 1902 Montana State Capitol (above) {2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3}.

- ✓ Facilitated effort by the Montana Historical Society Research Center to compile the state's 1,650 National Register property sign texts online in a database

spreadsheet <https://data.datamontana.us/History/Montana-National-Register-Historical-Marker-Sign-T/u7mx-ggsi/data>), and to make this information publicly accessible through the MHS *Explore Big* mobile app (<http://explorebig.org/>). The latter way-finder program uses sign texts and other content, including historic photographs, from SHPO's National Register files to provide historical background and context on selected locations across the state {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.4, II.3}

- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities and owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}.
- ✓ As a closing to the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, SHPO and the Bureau of Land Management co-hosted Paul Lusignan, National Park Service Historian, in a National Register workshop and two public presentations in October 2016. *Ask the Keeper: An Advanced National Register Workshop* was attended by 60 participants on October 18 at the Montana Historical Society in Helena, including consultants, state and federal agency representatives, tribes, and other interested parties. A public lecture by Lusignan, *The National Register of Historic Places at 50 – Looking Back, Looking Forward* followed in Helena that evening and repeated the next day at the Western Heritage Center in Billings. This talk was taped and is available on the SHPO website: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg> (Thank you Paul!) {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; II.3; IV.1; VI.2}.



Paul Lusignan (NPS) and John Boughton (SHPO)
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VII.3)

- ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding care of historic buildings and structures eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1; VII.4}
- ✓ Gave technical advice and/or made field visits to public and private historic structure renovation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere) that were active in planning (pre-development) or implementation (development) in FY2017. These included the: ongoing Placer one-room stone schoolhouse volunteer rehabilitation project in Broadwater County (with the Montana Preservation Alliance); the Great Falls Rainbow Powerhouse (photo right) redevelopment study; the rebuild of the Helmville rodeo grandstands; the Monarch Depot renovation (completed); the restoration of the Club Moderne in Anaconda following extensive interior fire damage; the assessment of the Wool/Wholesale Grocery Building in Dillon for adaptive reuse; the repair or replacement of the Helena fire tower; the continued use of the Stillwater County Courthouse in Columbus; and the rehab and stabilization of the landmark historic Eagles Store in West Yellowstone (potential tax credit project) {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.1}.
- ✓ Consulted onsite on a variety of undertakings involving state-owned heritage properties, including the Montana State Capitol building, the Montana Pioneers & Veterans Memorial Building (Montana Historical Society), Reeder's Alley in Helena, Virginia and Nevada Cities, and the Original Governor's Mansion {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1 & 2}.
- ✓ Participated in four planning meetings in Bozeman regarding proposed rehabilitation designs and adaptive reuse of the National Register-listed Romney Hall/Gymnasium on the Montana State University campus. This proposed major capital infrastructure project was ultimately not funded by the 2017 Montana Legislature {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.3 and VII.3}.



- ✓ Provided training, along with Montana Preservation Alliance, in historic brickwork and repairs to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks facility managers and maintenance workers at historic Reeder's Alley in Helena (March 9, 2017).
- ✓ Served on the 2017 grant application review committee for the non-profit Montana History Foundation for proposed historic preservation projects, including brick-and-mortar plans.
- ✓ Currently holding active preservation covenants and/or easements for nine historic properties as a result of previous federal historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants), tax credit projects, and/or compliance mitigation agreements. All term preservation agreements resulting from prior SHPO HPF brick-and-mortar sub-grants (HPF) have since expired.
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions in FY2017.



Montana State Capitol skylight repairs 2017

PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2)

- ✓ Regularly communicated with and advised owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. Made visits to Boulder, Livingston, West Yellowstone and Great Falls to assess potentially eligible tax credit projects {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives V.1; VII.3}.



Rocky Mountain Bldg, Great Falls

- ✓ Arvon Block, Great Falls: Outstanding Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Project, 2017 Montana Historic Preservation Awards



- ✓ Tax credit projects that were active in FY2017 (Part 1 and/or 2 approved) include:
 - 136 Main Street, Kalispell
 - Minntana Feeds building, Billings
 - William Clark Jr. Residence, Butte
 - 668-670 South Montana St., Butte (visited FY2017)
 - First Church of Christ Science, Butte (visited FY2017)
 - Ft. Harrison VA Hospital Historic District, Helena (visited FY2017)
- ✓ Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, attended the biennial NPS State Tax Credit Reviewers training workshop in Baltimore, MD, July 10-12, 2017.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.3; VI.4; VII.2)

- ✓ In FY2017, the SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officer Jessica Bush, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) provided written responses to 1,524 project requests submitted for review and comment in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 6.1 written review and compliance consultations per *work day* (ca 250 work days/yr), comparable to FY2016 (1,470 reviews; 5.9/work day). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
- ✓ A single compliance request for SHPO comments may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. ranging from the potential for effects of a single 10-acre gravel pit with no identified sites versus an entire 100-mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Certain compliance projects from some federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs/THPOs) are also sometimes programmatically received and processed, but do not require or generate individual SHPO written responses. In FY2016, there were 255 project submittals or notifications which SHPO received, reviewed and processed for filing but did not provide a written response (i.e., filed "No comment").
- ✓ Of the total 1,524 written review and compliance consultations in FY2016, 696 (45%) were initial "file search" requests for SHPO cultural resource information and survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (average response turn-around rate = 0.72 calendar days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next calendar day). These 696 FY2017 file searches involved cultural record searches and reviews of a total of 5,771 sections of land.
- ✓ For the 442 of these 696 initial project reviews ("file searches") made in FY2017 in which SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or

designated proponents, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was warranted in 250 (57%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or area of potential effect. These 250 reviewed projects were able to proceed with no further consultation with SHPO needed on cultural resource impacts.

- ✓ For the remaining 828 written review and compliance consultations for project undertakings (i.e. non-file searches, such as responses to cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the average response turn-around rate in FY2017 was only 5.0 calendar days per consultation. This average response rate, significantly less than FY2016 (5.7 calendar days), is also well below the 15 and 30-day response times generally provided to SHPO under preservation regulations.

- ✓ SHPO participated in the development and signed eleven (11) new Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and three (3) new Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2017 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties, as appropriate. PAs and MOAs serve as legal documents for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36CFR800).



- ✓ The three new FY2017 Programmatic Agreements involve two agreements with the USDA Forest Service on vegetation management and one with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) for coal mining. All three address the manner in which the agency will approach cultural resource preservation for projects that will be undertaken over time in the future {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.3, VII.1}

The three FY2017 PAs are:

- *Regarding the Castle Mountains Restoration Project Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest Montana* (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding the Copper King Fire Salvage Sale Project Plains Thompson Falls Ranger Districts, Lolo National Forest Montana* (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service/Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding the Management of Historic Properties at the Rosebud Mine, Area F* (United States Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement/Montana Department of Environmental Quality/Bureau of

Land Management, Eastern Montana/Dakotas District/Western Energy
Company/Montana SHPO)

- ✓ Out of the total 1,524 written compliance consultations in FY2017, only 17 concluded in findings of adverse effect to National Register listed or eligible properties; three less than in FY2016. Several other projects were cancelled or modified to avoid adverse effects. Sixteen of these adverse effects were federal undertakings, involving nine different federal agencies: US Forest Service (4), Federal Highway Administration (3), Corps of Engineers (3), Federal Communications Commission (1), Federal Railroad Administration (1), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (1), National Park Service (1), Bureau of Reclamation (1), and the Department of Defense (1). A single state finding of adverse effect concerned proposed modifications by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to an historic irrigation diversion



structure with mitigation consisting of detailed recordation prior to removal and replacement with a similar size and scale of new construction. Of the 16 federal findings of adverse effects, four were addressed under the terms of previously developed Programmatic Agreements and seven others were mitigated through actions stipulated in Memoranda of Agreements developed

- in FY2017 between SHPO and the federal agency. Consultations on the remaining five federal findings of adverse effects have not yet concluded with mitigation of impacts remaining to be resolved in FY2018.
- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted 11 meetings with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, applicants, consultants and/or other interested parties regarding project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties. SHPO also participated in six webinars, two phone conferences and two public meetings regarding project impacts in FY2017 {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.1}.
 - ✓ SHPO staff participated when necessary in meetings onsite for several state and federal project undertakings involving significant cultural resource properties, including Camp Paxson (USFS-Lolo), the Johnson Stamp Mill (BLM-Butte), Fort Harrison cantonment (DOD-MTANG) and Veterans Hospital (VA), and Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHL (NPS).
 - ✓ Five SHPO staff took part in a two-day joint cultural resource workshop with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office heritage staff at the Montana BLM State Office in Billings, May 10-11, 2017. Included in the discussions were issues of cultural resource information documentation, consultation protocols,

prescribed fire impacts, travel management, Section 110 inventory, and other current topics {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.2&3}

- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Trust Lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks (inc. Montana State Parks), the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system.
- ✓ Met with representatives of Montana Project Archaeology (Montana State University) to discuss the role of archaeology public education as mitigation in the Section 106 compliance process.
- ✓ Provided support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling and documentation of new cases of discovery of human remains. Stan Wilmoth, SHPO State Archaeologist, attended one Burial Board meeting scheduled in FY2017 (May 19, 2017) and participated in the reburial ceremony of Native American human remains at First Nations Buffalo Jump State Park {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.4}



Comet, near Boulder (photo by C. Kiely)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2017

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.2, VI.1)

- ✓ Awarded \$80,200 in support from the FY2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as sub-grant contracts with all Montana's 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, meeting the NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement.



- ✓ Reviewed and approved semi-annual and annual reports and requests for reimbursement from CLGs, including documentation of allowable activities and match (cash and in-kind).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year. Responded to requests in a timely manner {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective I.1}.
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of four CLG programs: City of Deer Lodge, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Bozeman, and Carbon County. Each met or exceeded program performance standards.
- ✓ Met with two new local Historic Preservation Officers and provided orientation and training at State Historic Preservation Office: Julie Pooley (Anaconda-Deer Lodge County) and Emy Scherrer (Missoula)



- ✓ Hosted annual Certified Local Government meeting in Helena September 21, 2017, in conjunction with the Montana History Conference in Helena, attended by twelve CLGs {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.2}.
- ✓ Assisted CLGs with the review and development of local preservation plans and ordinances, as requested (see above, Planning Program FY2017) {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.2}
- ✓ No Montana CLGs currently on probation.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2017
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)
See also individual programs**

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1, VII.3; All)

- ✓ Hosted the biennial 2017 Montana State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony at the National Register-listed Myrna Loy Center in Helena, January 20, 2017 (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/Preservation-Awards>). Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney (photo below) and MHS Director Bruce Whittenberg assisted SHPO Mark Baumler and staff in presenting certificates to owners of twenty (20) Montana properties listed in the National Register in 2015-2016, recognize recently retired Preservation Review Board members, and present awards to recipients of four outstanding historic preservation efforts: the Arvon Block, Great Falls (Outstanding Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Project), the Teslow Grain Elevator Preservation Group, LLC (Outstanding Historic Preservation Advocacy), Kirby Matthew, Deer Lodge (Outstanding Contribution to Historic Preservation), and Billings Public Schools Rehabilitation of McKinley and Broadwater Elementary Schools (Outstanding Historic Preservation Stewardship – 2017 Governor's Award). An estimated 125 people attended the event {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.2}.



- ✓ Responded to public and professional inquiries and provided technical assistance through 2,338 phone calls, 3,689 emails, and 185 meetings (with 653 people) during the course of FY2017, in addition to written letters and consultations. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1, VII.4}
- ✓ Networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

(NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).

- ✓ Collaborated with the non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) in celebrating Montana Archaeology Month (April 2016). Organized the bulk mailing of the poster *Valuing Cultural Heritage* to 200 member addresses, arranged for additional distribution (free) at public venues, and sent to individuals on request. (<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html>). Served on Education and Conservation committees and participated in the annual Montana Archaeological Society conference in Missoula, April 14-16, 2017. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.2, VI.2}
- ✓ Planned and participated in the annual MHS *Archaeology Day!* in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Education program giving day-long hands-on outdoor demonstrations of archaeology and prehistoric technology to 8 local elementary and middle schools/22 classes/488+ students (October 6, 2016). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective I.2}
- ✓ Met with tribal chairman Gerald Gray and tribal cultural historian Duane Reid of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana regarding establishing a tribal cultural preservation program. Met with William Big Day, new Crow Cultural Director. Established updated Memoranda of Understanding and data sharing agreements with Rocky Boys and Confederated Salish & Kootenai THPOs {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.4}.
- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, archaeology, and GIS to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS), including the creation of story maps to accompany the MHS WWI centennial website and online exhibit: *Montana and the Great War* (<http://mhs.mt.gov/education/WWI>) and facilitating the donation of the Troy Helmick (Townsend) archaeological artifact collection to the MHS museum (photo above).
- ✓ Distributed copies of *Montana's Shared Heritage: Third Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-owned Heritage Properties* (2016) to the 150 elected members of the Montana State Congress at the beginning of the 2017 biennial session. Attended several hearings and provided information to Legislators and the Governor's Office on draft legislation involving historic properties, as requested {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.1; V.3; VII.1}.



- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of the state and other statewide organizations, including the: Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees, State Historic Preservation Review Board, Montana Burial Preservation Board, State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, Montana Natural Resource Information System Advisory Board, Montana Preservation Alliance, Montana History Foundation, Montana Heritage Commission, Montana Archaeological Society, and Montana Main Street Advisory Board. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives V.2, VI.3}
- ✓ Met with Montana Main Street program to discuss project coordination and future outreach and education opportunities {2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.3}.
- ✓ Regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation properties and activities, including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant awards. Regularly provided historic preservation content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page (see below, SHPO FY2017 outreach activities {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}.
- ✓ FY2017 SHPO staff presentations, educational programs and outreach activities {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1 & 2; II.1 & 3; VI.2}:
 - Education: MHS Archaeology Day - 8 schools/22 classes/488+ students, October 6, 2016 (All SHPO staff in conjunction with Education/O&I)
 - Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Airway Beacon System*, 2016 Montana Aviation Conference, Helena, October 12, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
 - Education: *The Montana State Antiquities Database*, UM Archaeological Survey grad seminar, Dept of Anthropology (Prof. Kelly Dixon), October 13, 2016 (Damon Murdo/Michelle Phair)
 - Education: *Ask the Keeper: An Advanced National Register Workshop with NPS Historian Paul Lusignan*, Montana Historical Society, October 18, 2016. Co-sponsored by SHPO and BLM (see above, National Register Program FY2017)
 - Presentation: *The National Register of Historic Places at 50 – Looking Back, Looking Forward*, an evening public lecture by NPS Historian Paul Lusignan, Montana Historical Society, October 18, 2016. Co-sponsored by SHPO and BLM
 - Presentation: *The National Register of Historic Places at 50 – Looking Back, Looking Forward*, an evening public lecture by NPS Historian Paul Lusignan, Western Heritage, Billings, October 19, 2016. Co-sponsored by SHPO and BLM



- Outreach: MHS Display table, MEA-MFT Teacher Conference, Helena, Oct 20-21, 2016

- Presentation: *Over the Edge: Bison Jumps in Montana*, Montana Historical Society, November 10, 2016 (Jessica Bush)



- Outreach: MHS *The Future of Montana's History*, SHPO program display, State Capitol rotunda, January 4 (photo; organized/led by Michelle Phair)

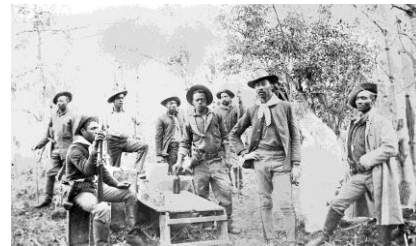
- Outreach: MHS Legislative spouses open house SHPO program display, MHS, January 10 (Michelle Phair)

- Outreach: MHS display, Museums Association of Montana (MAM) museums advocacy day, State Capitol Rotunda, Helena, January 11, 2017 (SHPO pens)
- Education: *Helena Historic Architectural Styles*, Central-Linc Elementary School Kids College day, Helena, January 19 (Pete Brown, with Christine Brown, Montana Preservation Alliance-MPA)

- Outreach: 2017 Biennial Montana State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, January 20. (see above)
- Outreach: *Packed house for the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony*, KTVH news, Helena NBC, January 20

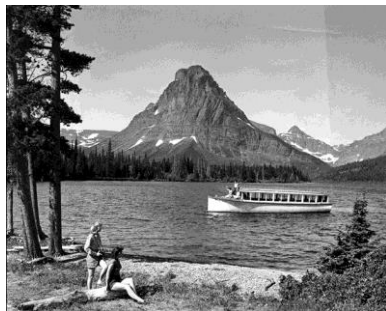
- Presentation: *The MHS Montana's African American Heritage Resources website upgrade*, Annual Black Heritage Dinner and Evening, Great Falls Public Library Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation, Great Falls, February 2 (Kate Hampton)

- Presentation: *A Brief History of Helena's African American Community*, Montana History Foundation February History dinner ("Julian Anderson Remembered"), Montana Club, Helena, February 8 (Kate Hampton)



- Presentation: *Montana's African American Heritage Resources*, MHS Thursday Night at the Museum lecture series, February 16 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: *Great Falls' Arvon Block, East Side Neighborhood honored*, Great Falls Tribune, February 24
- Education: *Historic Brickwork and Repairs*, Montana State Parks facilities and maintenance personnel workshop, Reeder's Alley, Helena, March 9 (Pete Brown, with Dustin Kalanick, MPA)
- Education: *Helena Historic Architectural Styles*, Jim Darcy Elementary School Kids College day, Helena, March 20 (Pete Brown, with Christine Brown, MPA)
- Outreach: *MHS Project Offers Insight to African American History in Montana*. The Society Star, Winter 2017, Montana Historical Society, April 3 (Kate Hampton)

- Education: *The Anzick Collection*, Indian Education For All Student Youth Council workshop, Montana Historical Society, N = 240 students, April 5-6 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Education: National History Day Competition, MSU Bozeman, April 8 (Jessica Bush, judge)
- Outreach: Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting, Missoula, April 14-16 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Jessica Bush, John Boughton, Damon Murdo, Michelle Phair)
- Education: *SHPO Role in Section 106* lecture, UM Anthropology Seminar in Cultural Heritage and Policy (Prof. Doug MacDonald), Missoula, April 24 (Jessica Bush)
- Education: *Conquering the Big Sky: Montana's WWII Airfields*, UM-Helena History class (Prof. Jon Axline), Helena, April 26 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Vigilante Parade, Helena and Capitol High Schools, Helena, May 12 (John Boughton and Kate Hampton, judges)



- Outreach: National Conf of State Historic Preservation Offices (NCSHPO) Spotlight on Montana SHPO: *The Rising Wolf*, *St. Mary Lake*, *Glacier National Park*, national listserve posting (photo left), May 12
- Education: CR Anderson Middle School Career Day, Helena, May 24

- (Damon Murdo)
- Education: *Making Story Maps*, MHS WWI Teachers Workshop, Helena, June 13 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Lighted Airway Beacon System*, Helena Kiwanis program, Jorgenson's, Helena, June 19 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: *The MHS Hooked on Fishing Exhibit*, Big Sky Chronicles, Helena KTVH, June 19 (Brad Hansen)
- Outreach: Carroll College Archaeological Field School, Helena National Forest, June 29 (Jessica Bush)
- Presentation: *Over the Edge: Bison Jumps in Montana*, Carroll College Western History class, Helena, September 14, 2017 (Jessica Bush)
- Education: *Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District Walking Tours*, Montana History Conference, Helena, September 21 and 23, 2017 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Conquering the Big Sky*, Montana History Conference, Helena, September 22, 2017 (Kate Hampton)



